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definition of a smallpox vaccine recipient, except for the requirement that the person sustained a covered injury). If the requester is unable to provide the identity of the person who was the source of the accidental exposure, he or she must explain in writing both why this criterion cannot be met and the circumstances of the accidental vaccinia inoculation that support an individual described above as the source of the accidental vaccinia inoculation. The Secretary has the discretion to accept the requester's statement as evidence of the requester's source of exposure; and

(c) Medical records sufficient to demonstrate that the requester contracted vaccinia during the effective period of the Declaration (or within 30 days thereafter) and sustained a covered injury, as described in §102.3(g), in accordance with the requirements set forth in §102.50. These records must be consistent with the requester contracting vaccinia after the accidental vaccinia inoculation described in paragraph (b) of this section.

## § 102.53 Documentation a survivor must submit to be deemed eligible by the Secretary.

A requester who is a survivor must submit the following documentation in order to be deemed eligible by the Secretary:

- (a) A completed (to the fullest extent possible) and signed Request Form;
- (b) All of the documentation required in:
- (1) Section 102.51(a)(2)–(4) (documentation requirements for smallpox vaccine recipients), in the case of a deceased smallpox vaccine recipient. The survivor requester may submit a certification, as described in \$102.51(b) in the place of the documentation described in \$102.51(a)(2) (documentation concerning a vaccine recipient's participation in, and receipt of the smallpox vaccine under, an approved smallpox emergency response plan); or
- (2) Section 102.52(b)–(d) (documentation requirements for vaccinia contacts), in the case of a deceased vaccinia contact;
- (c) A death certificate for the deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact. If a death certificate

is unavailable, the requester must submit a letter providing the reasons for its unavailability. The Secretary has the discretion to accept other documentation as evidence that the smallpox recipient or vaccinia contact is deceased;

- (d) Medical records sufficient to demonstrate that the deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact died as the result of the covered injury. Such medical records may be the same as those required under §102.50. If an autopsy was performed on the deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact, the requester must submit a complete copy of the final autopsy report.
- (e) Documentation showing that the requester is an eligible survivor, pursuant to §102.11 (e.g., birth certificate or marriage certificate); and
- (f) A certification, on the place provided on the Request Form, either that there are no other eligible survivors (e.g., for surviving eligible children, a certification that there is no surviving spouse, no other surviving eligible children, and no other surviving dependents younger than the age of 18 who may be eligible for the death benefit under the alternative calculation) or that other eligible survivors exist (along with the information known about such survivors). Section 102.11 lists eligible survivors and the priorities of survivorship.

## § 102.54 Documentation the representative of the estate of a deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact must submit to be deemed eligible by the Secretary.

A requester who is the representative of the estate of a deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact must submit the following documentation in order for the estate to be deemed eligible by the Secretary:

- (a) A completed (to the fullest extent possible) and signed Request Form;
- (b) All of the documentation required in:
- (1) Section 102.51(a)(2)–(4) (documentation requirements for smallpox vaccine recipients), in the case of a deceased smallpox vaccine recipient. The requester may submit a certification, as described in §102.51(b) in the place of the documentation described in